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SOUTHERN NEWS.

A gentleman who left Charleston on the 20th ult. has reached Louisville by the way of Nashville. He says the Charlestonians have completed two very formidable rams, which will be put into service as soon as they can obtain their complement of men. They are considered more formidable than the Manassas.—Commodore Ingraham commands one of the rams.

It is said that the banks in Charleston have received as good, a large amount of counterfeit Confederate money.

A Winchester correspondent of the Savannah Republican makes a strong appeal to the Southern people to supply the troops in Virginia with winter clothing.

The Richmond Examiner and Whig say that the late battle at Corinth was a Confederate defeat.

The Shreveport (Louisiana) Southwestern, of the 17th, says that Gen. Albert Pike's resignation was not accepted.

The Confederate Senate on the 8th passed a series of resolutions relative to martial law, and declaring that the authority exercised by provost marshals over citizens is *illegal and void*.

The Confederate House of Representatives disposed of the subject of retaliation against the Federals by passing a resolution declaring that Congress will sustain the President in such retaliatory measures as he may adopt.

The yellow fever prevails in several towns in Texas, and is said to be declining in Wilmington, N. C.

The well known citizens, John Barlow White, Clerk of the Court, and Samuel Hargrove, esq., both advanced in years, died in Richmond on Friday last, and were buried on the ensuing Sunday.

Southern dispatches report that the Federal troops have again evacuated Jacksonville, Florida. Gen. M. F. Maury has left for Europe, in a semi-official capacity.

The Atlanta (Ga.) Intelligencer announces the death in that city, of Elwood Fisher, at the age of 54 years. Mr. Fisher was well known as the publisher of "The Southern Press."

It is said that Jacksonville, Florida, has been evacuated by the Federal troops.

About six hundred soldiers were sent up from the convalescent camp at Alexandria yesterday, for transportation to their respective tive regiments.

Count Mercier, French Minister, is to occupy the mansion of Mr. Corcoran, on Lafayette Square, Washington, during the absence of the latter in Europe.

On Monday evening, a sufficient military force was sent to Prince George's, Md., to enforce the draft.

Scenes in New Orleans.

The special correspondent of the New York Times, writing from New Orleans under date of October 1, says:

In the midst of these stirring events comes the additional wonder of the first appearance of the *gardes d'Afrique*, the regiment of free colored people called out by Gov. Moore, but not put into the field until the arrival of Gen. Butler. It was only a day or two ago that I saw a squad of these men bearing their bayoneted muskets proudly, marching down Camp street in charge of some half dozen prisoners of their own color. One of the most significant things in this connection is the fact that a few days ago, a "delegation of slaves," belonging to Munsel White, one of the oldest and wealthiest planters of the parish of St. Bernard, below the city, called to see Gen. Shepley, and asked as citizens for an audience of the Governor of the State. The request was granted, and these men informed the Gen. that they came for freedom; they said their fellow-servants in other places were all leaving their masters, and that they wished also to improve their condition, but that it was not clear to their minds how was the best way to do so.—They said, however, that they did not intend to labor much if they could help it, without remuneration, and they concluded their requests and protests by asking that if they remained peaceably at home, they might have fair wages secured to them for their services. General Shepley treated the matter with great consideration, and, after conferring with General Butler, permission was granted to these men to make terms with their master, who consented to have a partner in the transaction, and these men have gone to work not as slaves, but as hired men.

Mr. Sumner's quotation and misquotation of the classics, and his everlasting allusions, in the sophomore style, to "Greece and Rome," and "the great men of antiquity," remind one of a story about two Western lawyers who were trying a case of larceny. The prosecuting attorney was a man of the Sumner sort, and dealt very largely in allusions to Socrates and other celebrities of the classical dictionary.—The attorney for the defence was alike ignorant and contemptuous of learning which had clearly no bearing on the matter before the court, and replied in the following words:—"The learned counsel for the State may have soaked with Socrates, ripped with Euripides, and canted with Cantharides—but does that prove, gentlemen of the jury, that my client stole eleven skeins of cotton? Not by a d—n sight!" The application of the story is not difficult to make.

In the Episcopal Convention, on Tuesday, a joint committee was instructed to revise the collection of Psalms and Hymns now used by the Church; and to report at the next General Convention, a list of Trustees for the Theological Seminary were elected, and the report of the Committee on Missions in reference to the control thereof was adopted, and a protracted debate on the report of the Committee of Nine filled the remainder of the day.

Governor Curtin has written a letter complaining of the inefficient measures taken to arrest the recent cavalry raid into Pennsylvania, and the War Department has ordered an investigation in relation thereto.

THE WAR IN THE WEST.—Dispatches from Danville, Ky., state that the Confederates have left Camp Dick Robinson and moved South towards Lancaster, the Federal troops in pursuit. A large body of Confederates are reported to be at Nicholasville. Lexington was evacuated by the Confederates on Monday, and occupied by the Federal advance. There was skirmishing on Tuesday all along the Federal lines from Harrodsburg to Stamford. The Confederates it is believed are leaving the State, their commander having probably heard of the result of the battle of Corinth, indicating that he could receive no reinforcements from that quarter. Paris was occupied by the Federal troops yesterday.

A dispatch from Cincinnati says information has been received that a large portion of General Curtis' army left Helena some days since, and ascended the Mississippi and disembarked at Cape Girardeau, Mo.—destination unknown.

The divisions of the Federal army under Generals Rosecrans, Stanley and Hamilton, have all returned to Corinth to be reorganized. A body of mounted Confederates were seen near Bolivar on Monday, and a force of Federal soldiers sent after them. A Federal mail steamer has been stopped at Evansville and a large quantity of goods taken from on board by the Confederates.

Since Pope fell back on Washington ten thousand horses have been supplied to the army of the Potomac, though more are still required.

The New York Commercial says:—"No necessity exists for concealing the fact that an expedition is now preparing to operate against one or more Southern ports. The rendezvous has already been occupied by a fleet of vessels, the presence of which, within view of the rebel signal posts, will reveal the strength of the intended demonstration. The expedition, whatever its destination, will be commanded by naval heroes of acknowledged ability."

The Washington Republican says:—"We are informed that Judge Merrick, of the U. S. Court in this District, resists the deduction of the income tax (seven dollars and nine cents) from his quarterly salary. His ground is, that the salaries of judges cannot constitutionally be diminished during their term of office."

It is found that England shipped during the first eight months of this year, arms and ammunition, valued at \$6,540,000, to America, and the export trade in these materials of war was rapidly increasing at the latest dates.

The draft took place yesterday to complete the quota from Baltimore, at the office of Colonel Creswell, Assistant Adjutant General.—Forty-six persons were drafted. The draft also took place in Baltimore county yesterday at Towson town.

Vermont has raised in all 12,000 men for the war, fully 1,000 more than her proportion under all requisitions.